

## CLAIMS:

1. A method of prioritising a sample, the method comprising the steps of:
  - incorporating an indicator band around a body of a specimen container
- 5 wherein the indicator band is incorporated on a body of the specimen container prior to a sample being located within a body of the specimen container.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1 further including the step of the indicator band being incorporated around the body of the specimen container during production of the specimen container.
3. The method of claim 1 further including the step of incorporating a lid indicator on a lid of the specimen container.
4. The method of claim 1 further including the step of locating the indicator band adjacent an opening of a body of the specimen container.
- 15 5. The method of claim 1 further including the step of adhering the indicator band to the specimen container.
6. The method of claim 1 further including the step of integrally forming the indicator band within the specimen container.
7. The method of claim 1 further including the step of printing the indicator band on the specimen container.
- 20 8. A specimen container comprising:
  - a body for placement of a specimen;
  - and
  - an indicator band extending around the body;
- 25 wherein the band is brightly coloured to be visible from a distance.
9. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band of claim 8 wherein the indicator band extends entirely around the specimen container.
10. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is a continuous band.
- 30 11. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is a non-continuous band.

12. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator is located on the body adjacent an opening of the body.
13. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is between 1 mm and 20 mm wide.
- 5 14. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is between 2 mm and 10 mm wide.
15. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is between 2.5 mm and 5 mm wide.
- 10 16. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a brightness of greater than 40%
17. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a brightness of greater than 60%
18. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a brightness of greater than 80%
- 15 19. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a saturation of greater than 40%.
20. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a saturation of greater than 60%.
21. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the colour of the indicator band has a saturation of greater than 80%.
- 20 22. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the specimen container includes a lid for placement on the body of the specimen container;
23. The specimen container of claim 22 wherein an additional indicator may be incorporated into a lid of the specimen container.
- 25 24. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is a label that is applied to the body.
25. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is integrally formed with the body.
26. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is printed on the body.
- 30 27. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band includes a human readable element.

28. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band includes a machine readable element.
29. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein further including a details section to allow for the recordal of the details of a patient on the specimen container.
- 5 30. The specimen container of claim 29 wherein the details section includes a location for one or more of a surname, first name, date of birth, time, signature, ward, patient number, sample type, fill line, anticoagulant type, preservative type, batch number, expiry details, date of manufacture of the specimen container, a biohazard symbol, a radiation marker symbol.
- 10 31. The specimen container of claim 29 wherein the details section includes a human readable and/or machine readable element.
32. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein the indicator band is fluorescent.
- 15 33. The specimen container of claim 8 wherein a removable tag forms part of the indicator band.
34. The specimen container of claim 33 wherein the removable tag is an adhesive removable tag.